shortly. The Manual would provide detailed guidelines for implementing projects more efficiently.

Regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi

1064. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of unauthorised colonies in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are considering to regularise these unauthorised colonies;

(c) if so, whether any proposal in this regard has been received from the Delhi Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in announcing regularisation of these unauthorised colonies and by when such a decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (d) Proposals have been received from the Government of NCT of Delhi for regularisation of all unauthorised colonies as existed on 31.3.1993. However, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in CWP. No. 4771/93 has restrained the respondents, including the Union of India, from taking any decision or action to regularise any unauthorised colony in Delhi till further orders. The matter is still subjudice.

Mass Rapid Transport System in Delhi

1065. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of. URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what decision has since been taken by Government to introduce the contemplated Mass Rapid Transport System in Delhi which while helping reduce traffic congestion in Delhi, may also be eco-friendly and help reduce air pollution in Delhi roads; and

(b) what provision has been made for the purpose for 1997-98 and the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The investment approval to the Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) Project was accorded by the Government on 17th September, 1996. It covers a total route length of 55.5 Kms. and the estimated cost at April, 96 prices, is Rs. 4860 crores. The project is slated to be completed by the year 2005.

(b) During 1997-98, provision of Rs. 150 crores has been made for Delhi MRTS Project. For the remaining period of IXth Five Year Plan, provision is yet to be finalised.

Promotional prospects for AEs In CPWD

1066. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in CP. W.D. there is no scope for promotion of Assistant Engineers, having qualification of Masters Degree in Engineering or Equivalent, to the post of Executive Engineer;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take for the promotion of Assistant Engineers (M.Tech.) to the post of Executive Engineer;

(c) if not, the details of promotional avenue of Assistant Engineers possessing Masters degree in Engineering; and

(d) what is the scope of promotion for Assistant Engineers having Diploma and Degree in Engineering?